

**MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF WELL DRILLERS
OPEN MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 23, 2022, @ 9:00 A.M.
Video/Teleconference via Google Hangouts Meet
Video Link: meet.google.com/zny-vmdj-ugd
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Board Members Present

Dave Kelly - Central MD
Mike Hall - Eastern MD
Brad Hartman - Southern MD
Heather Quinn - DNR
Robert Peoples - MDE

MDE Staff Present

Gayatri Mostaghimi - Board Counsel
Dee Settar-MDE, Water Supply Program
Duane Johnson - Executive Director

Not Present

Hahns Hairston-Excused
Larry Brenneman-Excused

Call to Order

Presiding Officer Brad Hartman presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Brad Hartman asked Duane Johnson to conduct the roll call of anyone present at the virtual meeting.

Presiding Officer Comments

Brad Hartman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Agenda

A motion made by Mike Hall was seconded by Heather Quinn to approve the agenda. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Review and Adoption of January 26, 2022 Remote Open Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Dave Kelly was seconded by Mike Hall to approve the January 26th meeting minutes. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Executive Director Comments

- **Revenue & Expenditures 2022**

Duane Johnson shared revenue data with the Board and stated that expenditure information for January would be provided at the March 2022 meeting.

DECEMBER

Revenue \$550.00
Expenditures Pending Fiscal

JANUARY

Revenue \$825.00
Expenditures Pending Fiscal

● **February Exam Results**

Passed	1
Failed	1
% Passed	50%
% Failed	50%
Average Grade	72%

A motion was made by Robert Peoples and seconded by Dave Kelly to approve the following applicant who passed the Apprentice Well Driller examination with a grade of 70% or above. The motion passed with no abstentions.

- Daniel Lopez

● **Governor’s Appointments Update**

Duane Johnson gave an update on upcoming appointments for 2022 indicating that a few Board members’ names did not appear in the Governor’s Green Bag list of appointments. Dee Settar said although some Board members’ names did not appear they are legally still Board members until they are replaced by the Governor. Dee said new appointments probably won’t take place until January 2023.

● **Online Applications**

Dee Settar informed the Board that MDE is in the early phase of implementing online applications for the Board of Well Drillers.

New Business

● **Training Courses for Approval**

A motion was made by Dave Kelly and seconded by Mike Kelly to approve the following training courses. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Organization	Course	Location	Dates	License Category	Rec. Hrs.	Cycle
All Star Training	7 Hr. Water Well CE	www.AllstarCE.com	Continuous self-paced	All Drillers, WCI	7	2023
Drill Tech Group, LLC	Mud Rotary	Milestone, NJ	9-15-2021	All Drillers	8	2023

- **Examination Qualification**

A motion was made by Mike Hall and seconded by Dave to approve the following applicants to take the examinations indicated below. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Name	Exam Type	Qualifications	Employer	Exp. /Equipment	Recommendation
Garrison Eaves	MWD	JGD157 Meets 2 year experience requirement Majority of work in water well and geothermal Drilling in multiple states since 2009 Estimated 400-500 installations	Chesapeake Geosystems 2009-present	Water Well, Geothermal/Air Rotary, Mud Rotary	Approved
Glen Eaves	MWD	JWD405 Meets 2 year experience requirement Majority of work in water well and geothermal Drilling in multiple states since 2010	Chesapeake Geosystems 2010-present	Water Well, Geothermal/Schramm, Air Rotary, Mud Rotary	Approved

		Estimated 400 installations			
Austin Moore	AWD	Meets 1 year experience requirement as a driller helper Sponsor MWD572 Letter of recommendation	Connelly & Associates 2020-present	Monitoring Wells/CME55, D-50	Approve
Brock Penn	AWD	Meets 1 year experience requirement as a driller helper Sponsor MWD572 Letter of recommendation Assisted with 100 installations	Connelly & Associates 2020-present	Geothermal Wells, Monitoring Well, Cluster Wells/ Terra Sonic	Approve

Industry Correspondence/State of the Industry

Several Board members shared their experiences at the Maryland-Delaware Well Water Association Conference on February 10-11, 2022.

A motion was made by Dave Kelly to go into closed session that was seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Adjournment

A motion made by Dave Kelly to adjourn the open meeting was seconded by Robert Peoples. The motion passed with no abstentions.

Call to Order and Purpose of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to General Provisions Article (“GP”), § 3-305(b), on a motion by Heather Quinn that was seconded by Robert Peoples, Board members approved moving into closed session on February 23, 2022, at 10:17 a.m. for the purpose of complying with the following provisions of the Open Meetings Act:

- GP § 3-305(b) (2) - To protect the privacy or reputation of license holders;
- GP § 3-305(b) (7) - To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice;

GP § 3-305(b) (8) - To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation.

The Board Chair read the closed meeting disclaimer pursuant to legal provisions.

Topics Discussed During the Closed Meeting

Board members reviewed and approved the January 26th 2022 closed meeting minutes, discussed an update relating to disciplinary action, discussed potential Rules of Attendance for Board meetings and revisited the examination qualification process.